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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Michael E. Tompkins, et al.

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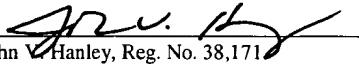
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Dear Sir:

Please consider the below remarks in respect of the above-referenced application.

Enclosed herewith a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time.